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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H.R. 11876 - Amendments to the Water Resources Planning Act as amended. This bill will increase the appropriations authorization for administration and coordination expenses of the Water Resources Council from \$1.5 million to \$2 million.

The Water Resources Planning Act, enacted by the Congress in 1965, created the Water Resources Council, established the procedures for creating River Basin Commissions for the purpose of developing river basin plans for water and related land and resource development programs, and authorized grants to the States to assist in the development of State water resources plans.

H.R. 11876 also makes the Territory of Guam eligible to receive water resource planning grants in the same manner as other territories and the States.

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